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RESPONSE

In the response to the Office Action of November 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1 line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application number 60/260,051,

4. filed January 5, 2001.

In the Claims:

Please replace claim 1 with the amended claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A fence comprising an upper horizontal rail, a lower horizontal rail, boards extending between said rails, at least one of said rails having a separate half parts, each of said parts including a cooperating fastener for securing the parts together about said boards, at least one of said parts having longitudinally spaced ribs, each adjacent pair of ribs defining a space therebetween, and a said board fitted into a said space with said parts secured together about said boards.